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Mr. Warner. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

This bill contains a number of provisions amending the basic Act governing the Central Intelligence Agency. A number of authorities in the bill have been available to the Agency through our own legislation.

What we have endeavored to do with the fine cooperation of the Staff is to conform our legislation to this legislation so that we will follow a standard and uniform procedure across the board, which is one of the major objectives of the bill. We generally favor this bill as it is presently written, and I do not want to repeat the statements made by Secretary Jackson.

We will hold ourselves available for questions, if you have any. This is a rather complicated bill, and there may be some questions as to precisely what these amendments are, but I believe that substantially we can say this conforms our legislation which previously was similar to the Foreign Service Act to the changes that are being made here.

Mr. Morrison. Any questions?

Mr. Broyhill. Yes.

Did I understand you to say this will change some of the basic legislation which you reflect you?

Mr. Warner. That is right, sir. Somewhat like the Foreign Service Act we have the Central Intelligence Agency Act of 1949 which grants to us many of the basic authorities similar to the Foreign Service Act. So as to keep ourselves in consonance with these proposed amendments we are amending our Act with this bill.

Mr. Broyhill. This legislation will amend your Act?

Mr. Warner. Yes.

Mr. Broyhill. In line with the foreign service?

Mr. Warner. And the provisions of this bill itself.

We do not want to be out of phase with the provisions of this bill or the Foreign Service Act. We would like to conform.

Mr. Broyhill. It will have no adverse effect?

Mr. Warner. No.

Mr. Morrison. Mr. Gross?

Mr. Gross. Well, does this bill treat you more favorably than your present status.

Mr. Warner. In some respects, yes.

Mr. Gross. How much more? Go ahead, I would like to hear it.

Mr. Warner. We do not presently have authority to accrue home leave for our employees. This would enable us to grant our employees home leave similar to that which is being given to the rest of the Government by this proposed Bill, and which the Foreign Service today has. This is the major advantage being conferred by this bill.

Mr. Gross. How much more are you going to add to the cost of this legislation?

Mr. Warner. We believe that the other provisions of the bill will not add measurably to our costs. We do not believe --

Mr. Foley. Before you answer that further, I would like to ask would not a recitation of cost items be a somewhat indication of the total employees overseas and therefore is objectionable on the same grounds that the previous question is?

Mr. Gross. I don't buy that at all, and I can't yield to the gentleman for that purpose. I would like to know how much more this is going to cost. We had one unfortunate experience with the C. I. A., in our Manpower Utilization Subcommittee. We sought to find how many super grades you had, and were told that was classified. We didn't ask for names or job descriptions or anything else. We finally got them, but we had trouble getting them. Now I understand the nature of your objection, but I also understand that there are questions that you can answer and I don't intend to be stopped in asking this question. I want to know how much more you estimate this is going to cost?

Mr. Morrison. If the gentleman can answer that without divulging anything that is classified.

Mr. Warner. I will attempt to do so, Mr. Chairman. As indicated, I do not believe that the other provisions of the bill will add measurably to our cost, because most of the authorities we presently have. In the case of home leave we find it rather difficult to estimate how much this

will cost, since it is not a direct cost item. You do not pay for home leave, you simply grant, so that it is not in that sense a measurable additional cost.

Mr. Gross. I am going to ask you to supply for the record an estimate of what your part of this program would cost, the additional cost of this program.

Mr. Warner. I do not believe that a written answer would convey any more information than I have given you here, Mr. Gross.

Mr. Morrison. Any questions, Mr. Harmon?

Mr. Harmon. No.

Mr. Morrison. Thank you very much, Mr. Warner and

Mr. Warner. Thank you.

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